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SUBJECT: YEMEN: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON CONDEMNING HOSTAGE
TAKING

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Nabeel Khoury; reasons 1.5 (b), (d).

1. (C) Summary. Charge delivered demarche on condemning hostage taking and murders in Iraq to Yemeni Deputy Foreign Minister Mustafa No'man on August 11. DFM No'man agreed to draft a public statement for President Saleh's approval. End Summary.

2. (C) Charge delivered reftel demarche on August 11 to Deputy Foreign Minister Mustafa No'man. He pointed out that a public statement by the ROYG condemning acts of hostage taking and murder would demonstrate Yemeni support for the Iraqi people and the transitional government. No'man said that he regrets the turmoil and the suffering of the families of those taken hostage, and the damage these acts do to the Iraqi government. He promised to draft a statement to this effect, advising us, however, that it would be up to the Foreign Minister and the President to approval its release.
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